

THE LOOKMAN REPORT 2022

Week Eight – the Midpoint

“You’ve got to give credit to them, they always play well against us. They’ve got really good players on defense, they’re really well coached. They’ve had our number the last couple years.” – Joe Burrow on going 0-3 against the Browns.

PROLOGUE

The Battle of Ohio Part 1 ended with the Browns victorious and Joe Burrow supine. While it remains unclear how the Browns have owned the Nati in the Burrow era, it is valid. Now the Browns simply need to go out and beat someone else for a change.

In other news around the league, the Cheeseheads succumbed to Buffalo, the Pokes look dominant, and the Marine Mammals are on a nice roll. The halfway point of the season was somewhat uneventful, and the bye weeks are creating some so-so watching weeks.

Without further ado, the Week that was.

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Trade Deadline Deals

There were a few notable NFL 2022 trade deadline deals, including Baltimore acquiring LB Roquan Smith from Chicago for a second- and a fifth-rounder. The Dumpster Ducks tossed in LB AJ Klein, a solid run-stuffer and special teamer who is a little long in the tooth. Great goal line guy.

Da Bears are in fire sale mode, also sending DE Robert Quinn to Philly for 2023 second day pick. Quinn provides an already deep front seven with pass rushing expertise and is a Look Man favorite with some gas left in the tank.

(Oct. 27): The Kansas City Chiefs acquired WR Kadarius Toney from the New York Giants in exchange for a 2023 third-round compensatory pick and a 2023 sixth-round pick. Toney is long on talent, short on production. He got sideways with no-nonsense HC Brian Daboll and never recovered.

After losing RB Breece Hall the Jets acquired RB James Robinson from the J-Squareds for a 2023 conditional sixth-round pick. Robby was in the doghouse in J-Ville, but will produce with the upstart Jets. He may even bag a few pelts on the town with cougar hunter QB Zach Wilson.

But the biggest deal of all was the Niners acquisition of RB Christian McCaffrey from Carolina for a 2023 two, three and four plus a 2024 fifth-round pick. CMC went on to become the Offensive Player of the Week after throwing, receiving and rushing for TDs. He then went into the stands and sold popcorn at halftime, and helped direct traffic after the win.

Carolina also ejected WR Robbie Anderson in exchange for a 2024 sixth-round pick and a 2025 seventh-rounder. Anderson was tired of not seeing the rock in Carolina, owing to Cake Baker Mayfield, PJ Walker and the other Dud.

Buffalo added RB Nyheim (Duncan) Hines in exchange for RB Zack Moss and a conditional sixth rounder in 2023. The Bisons lost out on the CMC acquisition, but Hines will be baking up scores for this offensive juggernaut. Buffalo wasn't done, picking up S Dean (Christopher) Marlowe for secondary depth. Perfect

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timing as Jordan Poyer busted his elbow, and could miss a few weeks. Marlowe is expected to play in the nickel, special teams and write a few Elizabethan dramas in his spare time. With CB Tre'Davius White returning from an ACL, the Bisons are getting healthy. Look out AFC!

Let's Ride – Part IV

Denver lost DE Von Miller in 2021, raking in future draft capital in a trade with the Rams. The Rams parlayed Miller into a ring, and he then left for Crapchester and a pay day.

The Donkeys then fetched their franchise savior in QB Russell Wilson, who has struggled to a 3-5 record, and third-place in the AFC Best behind KC and the Bolts. In order to recoup some of these picks, they traded DE Bradley Chubb to Baltimore this week. Denver avoids Chubb's backloaded contract in 2023, and with DangeRuss eating up cap space, some much needed overhead for next season.

The Donkeys are going nowhere in 2022, but Wilson is the gift that keeps on giving. He saved HC Nathaniel Hackett's job with a win over J-Ville in London last week, but this is not going to end well.



Mrs. Wilson isn't going to like this Yogi...

ZEBRA OF THE WEEK

Black Cats at Dirty Birds - Shawn (She Hulk) Hochuli: The NFL became the No Fun League again last week after throwing an unsportsmanlike flag on Carolina WR D.J. Moore for taking his helmet off after scoring what should have been the game-winning TD with 0:12 remaining in regulation. Moore blacked out with emotion following an incredible 62-yard TD grab, took off his helmet and celebrated with the crowd.

The ensuing 15-yard penalty was assessed on the PAT kick, turning it into a 47-yard FG try. Carolina K Eddy Piñeiro missed, sending the game into OT, where he missed another GW kick.

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The Look Man is fine with the penalty, but it should have been enforced on the next timed down, which would have been the kickoff. Instead, She Hulk rewrote the rulebook, and turned the most entertaining games of the day into a farce.

NFL Senior VP of Zebras Perry Fewell, followed in nanosecond interview during ESPN's Suzy Kolber. Apparently, he wanted to skip directly to the kissing, because his explanation made no more sense than the call.

Shawn (She Hulk) Hochuli, you are the Look Man ***Zebra of the Week!***



Shawn when he's angry and when he's just incompetent

THE LOOKAHEAD

The Look Man went 5-2 last week, largely due to a choke job by the Aeronauticals. There are a number of byes this week, so the entertainment quotient is a little light. Still, enjoy the lesser knowns, who could provide upset drama this week with the giant spreads.

Carolina Black Cats at Cincinnati Orange Cats (-7)

The Cincy offense ran into a junkyard dog in Cleveland last week, and was lucky to put up 13 points in the Battle of Ohio beatdown. QB put Joe Burrow was sacked four times, and generally bloodied. The new free agent offensive line is thinking about taking up the practice of the 2021 O-line: wearing a mask and a gun to pick up their paychecks each week.

Meanwhile, in Carolina, the team is irritated after losing a game that they had in the bag at the ATL last week. This Carolina defense is highly underrated, and they can punish an offense with tough, physical hitting. Backup QB PJ Walker has assumed the top job despite (Cake) Baker Mayfield being healthy. All he did was throw dimes last week, and the Nati secondary is decimated with injury. CB Mike (Paris) Hilton is out this week, and CB Chidobe Awuzie is done for the year with an ACL.

The Bengals offense runs through Ja'Marr Chase, and not only is he out, but Tyler Boyd is nicked up. The rest of the receiving corps is comprised of three guys named Mo, and RB Joe (Richard Milhous) Mixon is not getting any holes.

This could go either way; either Cincinnati rebounds from a lopsided loss before their bye week, or Carolina bounces back from a tough, zebra aided loss. The Look Man says the latter in the Battle of the Cats. Carolina covers and wins.

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Crapchester Bisons at NY Aeronauticals (+12)

The Look Man is very salty about the J-E-T-S loss last week to the Chowds. QB Zach Wilson threw away a winnable game with cover-your-eyes ugly picks. You simply cannot give games away with a talented defense and good coaching, especially to Belicheat.

Enter the Bisons, who are dominating nearly everyone. They ground out a win over the Cheeseheads in prime time, but it was unwatchable after the half. Looks as if they are doing just enough to win, and they swapped RBs with Indy last week, picking up Nyheim (Duncan) Hines. The Look Man likes Hines, but he is just like the guy they had. Look for him to return kicks and work some bake sales this weekend.

Nuff said. Bisons.

Tennessee Flaming Thumbtacks at KC Baby Backs (-12.5) – Football Night in America

The Flaming Thumbtacks own the Houston team, and dispatched them easily without QB Ryan Tannehill, who has a bad ankle. Backup QB Malik Willis threw the rock only once in the second half, but Derrick (King) Henry ran for over two bills.

KC acquired disgruntled WR Kadarius Toney from the Jynts during a bye week, and now have 37 receivers on the team. HC Andy Reid's regular season record following a bye week is 19-3, and the Look Man doesn't believe in coincidence.

Tannehill will be a game-time decision, and King Henry missed some time with a foot this week. The way to stop Henry is to make him move laterally at the line of scrimmage; he can't run you over unless he gets a head start.

KC continues the Revenge Tour, bouncing the overrated Thumbtacks in preparation for a nice second half run. Baby Backs, baby.

Baltimore Dumpster Ducks at New Orleans Religious Icons (+3) – Monday Night Football

Baltimore is alone atop the AFC Asgard after the Cincinnati loss in Cleveland last week, and they need this win to solidify that lead. Unfortunately, TE Mark Andrews is likely out after getting pounded in recent weeks. Isaiah (not bloody) Likely is the backup, but Lamar (Action) Jackson is not the same guy without his Andrews security blanket.

The Icons are going to have to deal with free agent acquisition DE Bradley Chubb from Denver. Chubb is on pace for double digit sacks and has signed a mega-deal with B-More. Icons QB Andy (The Beige Water Pistol) Dalton will need protection because his receiving corps is a walking wounded. (Can't Guard) Mike Thomas is still hurt, and it will be tough for Alvin (Kandid) Kamara to run on this front.

The Ducks have missed DT Calais Campbell, DE Justin Houston, and LBs Tyus Bowser and David Ojabo, who can all rush the passer and stuff the run. WR Rashod (Family Ties) Bateman will be out of the season following foot surgery, and RB Gus Edwards has a hammy.

One little known fact is how well New Orleans plays in prime time. They shut out the Raiders 24-0 in a revenge game for HC Dennis Allen. Look for them to be ready to regain position in the woeful AFC South, where ATL is in first place with a 3-5 record. Icons.

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EPILOGUE

The NFL is gearing up for a nice second half, placing very good games in the back end. The Bengals home schedule includes KC, Cleveland Part 2, Buffalo, and Baltimore, with roadies at New England and Tampa.

Green Bay would be in trouble if not for a middling NFC Conference. The Pack lost its fourth in a row last week, and look to get healthy at Detroit before facing a surprising Hornheads squad in the second half.

Baltimore has a cake walk following the New Orleans game this week, but the NFL has nearly all division games in the second half of the season. It doesn't appear that any team will be resting starters in Week Eighteen unless it is the undefeated Philadelphia Iggles.

Peace,

The Look Man